

IS HE REALLY OUT?

News of Caprivi's Resignation
Not Yet Confirmed

HE MAY REMAIN AS PREMIER

The Belief Prevails That the Rumor Is
Not Strictly True—Cause of the
Present Crisis

BERLIN, March 19.—The statement made in certain quarters that Chancellor von Caprivi had resigned can now be almost positively denied. Several newspapers indirectly assumed that the chancellor had resigned and contained long articles as to what the effect of his resignation might be, but none of them, with one exception, positively stated that the report was true. This one exception was the Kreuz Zeitung, the paper which originated the report.

Gen. von Caprivi is chancellor of the German empire. The primary education bill affects Prussia alone, and although Gen. von Caprivi is the Prussian prime minister, it will be an unusual event, as the Cologne Gazette has said, if the chancellor resigns because in a single state of the empire a bill which bears the unmistakable stamp of one minister does not pass.

The Kreuz Zeitung is not the paper which maintains that the chancellor has tendered his resignation. All the other papers concur in expressing the belief that the only ministerial retirement growing out of the differences of opinion on the primary education bill is that of Count Zedlitz von Trutzschler, minister of ecclesiastical affairs.

The National Zeitung explicitly denies that the chancellor has done more than to intimate his desire to support Count Zedlitz von Trutzschler. The North German Gazette, the official organ of the government, takes a middle course, and while neither affirming nor denying the truth of the report, says that in the present position of the ministerial crisis it must refrain from predicting what the issues will be.

It is believed that the Nord Deutsche Zeitung reflects the views of the kaiser in the declaration that the government will refuse the suggestion of the ultramontanes to postpone the crisis by adjourning the diet. The ultramontanes in the landtag are wild with anger over the situation, and some of them are quite unguarded in their denunciations of the kaiser for what they call his breach of faith. They were ready, as the price of the government support of the education bill, to sustain the kaiser in any policy he might choose to pursue, and especially antagonizing the socialists. Some of the extreme ultramontanes now go so far as to suggest a union with the socialists against the government. This, however, is not thought possible, as most of the ultramontanes are deeply opposed to socialism.

Cause of the Trouble.

The primary education bill, the cause of this split in the ministry, has caused widespread and bitter opposition among the members of the Prussian diet. It is entirely a Prussian measure, but among many religious sects the popular sense of justice revolts against a measure which will force Methodists, old Catholics, Unitarians, deists and freethinkers generally to have their children educated in some state-recognized creed. The sects which the bill admits as duly qualified religious societies are Moravians, Quakers, Greeks, Anglicans, Jews and old Lutherans. Parents who are neither Catholics nor Lutherans can profess to be adherents of any one of these sects, and can have their children educated in accordance therewith, but it is hardly probable that they will do so should the bill become a law, which, to judge from the present outlook is hardly within the range of possibility. The introduction into the diet was due to Count Sedlitz von Trutzschler, who has continuously opposed any modifications in it. The chancellor also heartily supported the measure, but other ministers opposed it, one even going so far as to threaten to resign if the bill was not modified. The emperor at first refused to accede to any changes, but finally he agreed to such modifications as would bring other religious sects within the provision of the bill, and it is said that it was this change of base by the emperor that caused Count Sedlitz von Trutzschler to resign.

WAR IN VENEZUELA.

Opponents of the Present Government
Resort to Arms.

NEW YORK, March 19.—A cablegram from Caracas, Venezuela, to the Herald announces that the opposition to President Falacios has resulted in a resort to arms. A bloody engagement has been fought between a body of revolutionists and government troops near that city.

So far as can be learned the advantage rests with the government, but the fear is generally expressed that this is but the beginning of a long and desperate fight for the control of the country which may result in the loss of a great many lives and again plunge the republic into the chaos from which it was just beginning to emerge.

Particulars of Thursday's battle are meager as yet, and it is impossible to tell the number of men engaged or the casualties. In fact the only reliable news is that the revolutionists were forced to retreat.

It has been an open secret that a battle would follow the elections no matter what the result might be, and for months both parties have been preparing for it.

President Falacios has used every possible means to retain power and strengthen his position, while his opponents have also been busy engaged in recruiting and arming themselves in anticipation of the final struggle.

VENTED THEIR JOY.

Business Men for America and America
on Receiving the Indian's Cargo of Food.

LONDON, March 19.—The enthusiasm occasioned hereby the receipt of the princely gift to the Russian famine sufferers sent by Americans shows no signs of abatement, though the Indians, the donors, have brought the

TOOK COSTLY JOBS

More About the Alleged
"Boodles" Aldermen.

NOTHING CHEAP ABOUT THEM

If All Reports Are True, They Have Made
the Corporations Pay Handsomely
for Their Votes.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Referring to the grand jury investigation of "boodling" methods practiced by members of the city council, the Tribune calls attention to the following significant facts which, it says, it is in a position to prove conclusively:

Fifty \$1,000 bills were drawn from the Illinois Trust and Savings bank by a manufacturing concern a few days after the passage of the compressed air ordinance.

A man interested in a street railway franchise says he went to a certain alderman to make a legitimate offer of a large sum to the city for a franchise. The alderman said he had talked it over with the boys and that it would cost the company \$75,000; but that the money must go "to the aldermen and not to the city."

In the presence of witnesses an alderman demanded \$5,000 as the price of getting an ordinance out of a committee's pigeon-hole.

There is said to be from \$150,000 to \$250,000 in certain hands to be paid certain aldermen provided the mayor signs the Yerkes omnibus ordinance.

The sum of \$1,750, offered as a bribe and accepted on the advice of counsel, has been turned over to a newspaper by Alderman Roth to be used as evidence.

Paid Out Over \$500,000.

"It costs a good deal of money sometimes to buy the city council," said an attorney who is closely connected with the state's attorney. "The Northern Pacific had all the worst of it in the last three big deals the aldermen have made. The figures for those three sales of city franchises are just these:

Northern Pacific \$250,000
Economic Gas 150,000
Compressed Air 100,000
"Those are the amounts the members of the council received in those three deals, and some of them will wish soon they had never seen a cent of it."

A lawyer of this city when in his cups confided to an acquaintance that he had paid eleven \$1,000 bills to an alderman for a franchise to "perpetrate blackmail upon the aldermen."

The grand jury at work.

When the grand jury reassembled at 9 a. m. it decided to enter upon an investigation of the methods whereby the economic gas ordinance was passed by the city council. A score of witnesses had been summoned and were in waiting to be examined. Among them were the officers of the company and several aldermen. City Clerk Van Cleave was first examined and produced the records of the council showing the names of the aldermen that voted for the ordinance under investigation and the others under suspicion. Alderman Stanley Kunz was then called in and examined at length. Report has it that three members of the council will be arrested very soon. Those mentioned in this connection are Alderman John Powers, of the Nineteenth ward, John A. Cooke, of the Seventh, and "Bully" O'Brien, of the Sixth. State's Attorney Longmeyer will neither affirm or deny the report.

DEATH OF A JURIST.

Judge Briggs, of the Circuit Court of
Cook County, Ill., Passes Away Suddenly.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Judge George Briggs, of the circuit court, is dead. At 4 o'clock a. m. he suddenly passed away while sitting in a chair at his residence, 5401 Cornell avenue, Hyde Park. The cause was quickly ascertained, which has been troubling the judge for the past two years. It was not until two hours before his death that any idea of danger was entertained by the judge's family, and from that time everything possible was done to reverse the dying jurist, but without avail.

On receipt of the sad news all the judges of the circuit, superior, probate and county courts immediately adjourned court out of respect for the memory of the deceased jurist. A meeting of the judges to take suitable action was called. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and arrangements were made for attending the funeral.

Baffles the Doctors.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ind., March 19.—The vitality of Basil Tracy, over 90 years of age, whose death is hourly ex-

pected, baffles the doctors of this city. For seven weeks he has been lying helpless upon a bed merely dying from old age. During all this he has taken neither food nor medicine. He has already fasted longer than Dr. Tanner.

BLEW OFF HIS HEAD.

Strange Manner in Which a Minnesota
Farm Hand Came to His Death.

MORRIS, Minn., March 19.—David Light, the 19-year-old son of C. K. Light, a farmer, came to his death Thursday night at the residence of Howard Clark in a remarkable manner. He was in Mr. Clark's employ and retired as usual in good health and spirits. At midnight Mr. Clark heard a gun-shot and hurrying into Light's bedroom was horrified to find his lifeless form upon the floor with the upper part of his head completely blown off. It is said Light was a somnambulist and it is thought that in his sleep he placed the muzzle of the gun in his mouth and discharged it with the result stated. No other cause can be assigned for the deed.

In Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—In the senate on Friday bills were reported to fix a uniform standard of classification of wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats, etc.; to provide for the punishment of offenses on the high seas; to promote silk culture; appropriating \$50,000 for a statue of Gen. W. T. Sherman in Washington. A bill was passed establishing a port of delivery at Des Moines, Ia. In the house the Utah home rule bill was reported favorably. The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill (\$1,115,000) was reported.

May Move to America.

LONDON, March 19.—It is reported that the Palmers, one of the largest naval and shipping firms in the United Kingdom, are arranging to transfer their plant of works at Newcastle-on-Tyne to a certain port in the United States where they will conduct their business in future. Mr. Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company, will, it is said, join the enterprise, controlling \$40,000,000 and using his influence to secure government contracts for warships.

Insane Woman Burned to Death.

TEXARKANA, Ark., March 19.—Mrs. Mary Hart, wife of John Hart, a merchant here, was fatally burned Friday morning. Her mind has not been right for two years and she has been subject to violent fits of anger, one of which took possession of her Thursday. Her husband was awakened to find her standing on the floor with her nightgown ablaze, and before he could be extinguished she was terribly burned.

After Brutal Murderer.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 19.—Gov. Francis is in receipt of a letter from Sheriff John L. Cook, of Taney county, stating that he has summoned a strong posse to capture the murderers of Deputy Sheriff Williams. The law-abiding people are cooperating with him to exterminate mob rule. The guilty persons have been detected and will be arrested.

Killed by Dynamite.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., March 19.—A dynamite explosion occurred at the Juniata limestone quarries at Carlin, 15 miles south of this place, Friday morning. The men were engaged in throwing out dynamite for blasting purposes. A cap exploded, discharging twenty-eight sticks of dynamite. John Gates, aged 60 years, of Petersburg, Pa., was instantly killed and other men were injured.

Old River Pilot Dead.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 19.—Capt. W. P. Flowers, one of the best known men on the river, died at his home in the suburbs Friday evening. The deceased was a cub pilot with Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) under Capt. H. E. Bixby, of the City of Helena. He was a St. Louis and New Orleans pilot during the war.

Twenty Skeletons Found.

UNION LAUDING, O., March 19.—Considerable excitement has been caused by the finding under a dwelling house of over a score of skeletons. Still more are in sight. Tools and trinkets were also discovered. It is the richest find of pre-historic remains yet discovered in this state.

Three Miners Killed.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., March 19.—Hermon Desso, Carlin Pring and son, three Belgians, were crushed to death by a fall of rock in a coal mine at Robertdale Thursday evening.

Increase in Bank Note Circulation.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The national bank note circulation is now \$161,000,000, an increase of nearly \$30,000,000 since July last.

Apaches Killed or Captured.

PRENIX, A. T., March 19.—The Apaches infesting the White mountains have been killed or captured. The band numbered six bucks and five women and children. Three were killed and the remainder surrendered.

to Lieut. Bean of the Second cavalry. The only ones still out are Masi and The Kid who killed the soldiers in 1887.

Killed by the Cars.

CARLETON, Ill., March 19.—Robert Sterrett, a prominent farmer, 35 years old, living near this city, was killed here by an Ohio & Mississippi freight train. He had driven on the side track, when the train ran into his wagon and he was killed while trying to save the horses.

Applicants for Woods' Place.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 19.—The candidates for the vacancy which Judge Woods' appointment as appellate court justice creates are numerous and are from every section of the state. The following list contains the more prominently mentioned aspirants for the place: Judge Olds, of the supreme court; Judge Monks, of Winchester; Judge Walker, of this city; John H. Baker, of Goshen; Smiley N. Chambers, United States district attorney; Juo Burchenal, of Richmond; Mr. Foraker, of Newcastle; and Mr. Ishart, of Evansville. Judge Byron K. Elliott, of the supreme court, while not an avowed candidate for the place, is frequently mentioned.

Mexican Defaulter Nabbed.

LAREDO, Tex., March 19.—Three days ago a man named Lubin, in a confidential position in the City of Mexico, decamped with \$25,000 of his employer's money. The north-bound train have since been watched, and he was captured at Nuevo Laredo, on the Mexican national train, and the money found in a valise in the baggage car, the check for which was taken from him when he was captured. He is now in jail at Nuevo Laredo.

For a Sixth Bridge at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 19.—The board of United States engineers sent here by the secretary of war to hear testimony for and against the location of the piers for the sixth bridge over the Ohio river at Cincinnati have finished the hearing of testimony and will send their report to Washington. The span of the bridge between piers is to be 770 feet, the largest on the river.

Furious in the East.

PHILADELPHIA, N. Y., March 19.—A furious blizzard raged over Westchester county throughout the night. Snow accompanied the storm and by morning it had reached a depth of 15 inches. Railroad traffic is considerably delayed, and snow plows have been used at this point.

Felled by a Coupling Link.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 19.—Frank McKee, a switchman in the Pan-Handle yards, was making a run at switch Friday when he was caught between two draw bars. The coupling link passed entirely through his body and held him writhing in agony. He died a few minutes later.

Caused a Brakeman's Death.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—Forty freight cars left the track on the north Pennsylvania branch of the Reading railroad, near Tabor, and were badly wrecked. Daniel McIntosh, a brakeman of this city, was killed. The wreck was caused by snow.

A Restaurant Swept Away.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., March 19.—The big pavilion and restaurant next to Cooper's surf house was undermined by the waves and at noon Friday fell from the bluff upon the strand, where the waves beat it to pieces. It was owned by Col. Bliss, of New York.

Thirteen Killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—A three-story house in course of erection here collapsed. A large number of workmen were employed on the building and thirteen of them were killed by the falling walls.

Uniform Text-Book Bill.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 19.—The state senate has passed a uniform text-book bill. This bill makes exceptions of cities with organized school systems. The bill will encounter opposition in the house.

Get rid of it, if you have Catarrh. Don't

merely relieve it for a time with poisonous, irritating snuffs and strong caustic solutions. While you seem to be getting help, you may be getting harm. Stopped in this way, it is usually only driven to the lungs. You're worse off than ever.

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Any reasonable price will buy Dress Goods, Silks, Table Linens, Cloaks, Hosiery, Blankets, Domestics, Gingham, Prints, etc.
Come in the forenoon if you can and avoid the afternoon rush.
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